



# Exceptional Events Update

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## Exceptional Event Guidance

- Janet McCabe presentation to WESTAR
  - Monday, April 25
- Draft documents sent out for 60 day comment
  - Monday, May 2, 2011
  - Ends on June 30, 2011



## EER Guidance Products

- **Guidance Products Available in May 2011**
  - Memo from Gina McCarthy to Regional Offices
  - 2 Attachments
    - Frequently asked questions (~ 30 pages)
    - High Winds Guidance Document (~60 pages)
  - Comments on these draft guidance documents should be directed to [EEGuidanceComments@epa.gov](mailto:EEGuidanceComments@epa.gov) by **June 30, 2011**. For guidance related questions, please contact Beth Palma at 919-541-5432.
  - Website <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/analysis/exevents.htm>



## Six Key Areas Addressed

- **Q&A Document**
  - Historical Fluctuations
  - “But For” Test
  - Exceptional Event Data Flagging Schedules
  - General AQS Procedures
  - General Exceptional Events Rule Applicability & Implementation Issues
  - Exceptional Event Data Flagging for Air Quality Concentrations that could Contribute to an Exceedance or Violation of the NAAQS



## Planned Guidance Products

- **Guidance Products Under Development**
  - Guidance document on 1) wildfire events and 2) ozone
  - Replacement for EPA's Interim Fire Policy
    - Anticipate components to clarify treatment of agricultural burning and better define "basic smoke management practices"
    - Reconsidering the purpose of and approach to other sections, in light of interagency review comments